

"Railroad corporation," construed.

"(r) The term 'railroad corporation' as used in this Act means any common carrier by railroad engaged in the transportation of persons or property in interstate commerce, except a street, suburban, or interurban electric railway which is not operated as a part of a general railroad system of transportation or which does not derive more than 50 per centum of its operating revenues from the transportation of freight in standard steam railroad freight equipment.

Claims for personal injuries.

"(s) In proceedings under this section, claims for personal injuries to employees of a railroad corporation, and claims of personal representatives of deceased employees of a railroad corporation arising under State or Federal laws, shall be preferred claims against the assets of such railroad corporation in receivership or in reorganization as herein provided, such claims to be subordinate only to costs of administration of such receivership or reorganization."

Status of.

Effective date of Act.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its approval, and shall apply as fully to debtors, their stockholders and creditors, whose interest or debts, whether secured or unsecured, have been acquired or incurred prior to such date, as to debtors, their stockholders and creditors, whose interest or debts have been acquired or incurred after such date. Proceedings under section 1 of this Act may be taken in proceedings in bankruptcy which are pending on the effective date of this Act.

Deposit of bankrupt funds.

SEC. 3. In all bankruptcy proceedings the officers and agents in charge of the bankrupt funds are authorized to deposit the same without limit as to amount in the postal savings depositories at the prescribed interest rate in all cases where local banks are unable or unwilling to give the required security. Such deposit or any portion thereof may be withdrawn as required in the bankruptcy proceedings.

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[CHAPTER 205.]

AN ACT

March 3, 1933.
[S. 2374.]
[Public, No. 421.]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Navy to convey by gift to the city of Savannah, Georgia, the naval radio station, the buildings and apparatus, located upon land owned by said city.

Savannah, Ga.
Naval radio station at, conveyed to city.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if and when the naval radio station at Savannah, Georgia, is no longer required for naval purposes, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to convey by gift, to the city of Savannah, State of Georgia, the said naval radio station, which radio station is located on land belonging to the city of Savannah, together with all the buildings and apparatus thereof; but no expense shall be caused the United States hereunder.

No Federal expense.

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[CHAPTER 206.]

AN ACT

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[S. 4082.]
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To regulate the business of executing bonds for compensation in criminal cases and to improve the administration of justice in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Bonds in criminal cases, etc.
Definitions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "bonding business" as used in this Act mean the business of becoming surety for compensation upon bonds in criminal cases in the District of Columbia, and the word "bondsman" means any person

or corporation engaged either as principal or as agent, clerk, or representative of another in such business.

SEC. 2. That the business of becoming surety for compensation upon bonds in criminal cases in the District of Columbia is impressed with a public interest.

Surety business, etc.,
impressed with public
interest.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged, either as principal or as the clerk, agent, or representative of a corporation, or another person in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in the District of Columbia, either directly or indirectly, to give, donate, lend, contribute, or to promise to give, donate, loan or contribute any money, property, entertainment, or other thing of value whatsoever to any attorney at law, police officer, deputy United States marshal, jailer, probation officer, clerk, or other attaché of a criminal court, or public official of any character, for procuring or assisting in procuring any person to employ said bondsman to execute as surety any bond for compensation in any criminal case in the District of Columbia; and it shall be unlawful for any attorney at law, police officer, deputy United States marshal, jailer, probation officer, clerk, bailiff, or other attaché of a criminal court, or public official of any character, to accept or receive from any such person engaged in the bonding business any money, property, entertainment, or other thing of value whatsoever for procuring or assisting in procuring any person to employ any bondsman to execute as surety any bond for compensation in any criminal case in the District of Columbia.

Gift by bondsman
to any public official
for procuring business,
unlawful.

Unlawful to accept,
etc.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any attorney at law, either directly or indirectly, to give, loan, donate, contribute, or to promise to give, loan, donate, or contribute any money, property, entertainment, or other thing of value whatsoever to, or to split or divide any fee or commission with, any bondsman, the agent, clerk, or representative of any bondsman, police officer, deputy United States marshal, probation officer, assistant probation officer, bailiff, clerk, or other attaché of any criminal court for causing or procuring or assisting in causing or procuring any person to employ such attorney to represent him in any criminal case in the District of Columbia.

Gift by attorney to
bondsman, or public
official, unlawful.

SEC. 5. It shall be lawful to charge for executing any bond in a criminal case in the District of Columbia, and it shall be unlawful for any person or corporation engaged in the bonding business, either as principal, or clerk, agent, or representative of another, either directly or indirectly, to charge, accept, or receive any sum of money, or other thing of value, other than the regular fee for bonding, from any person for whom he has executed bond, for any other service whatever performed in connection with any indictment, information, or charge upon which said person is bailed or held in the District of Columbia. It also shall be unlawful for any person or corporation engaged either as principal or as agent, clerk, or representative of another in the bonding business, to settle, or attempt to settle, or to procure or attempt to procure the dismissal of any indictment, information, or charge against any person in custody or held upon bond in the District of Columbia, with any court, or with the prosecuting attorney in any court in the District of Columbia.

Receiving other than
regular bonding fee
unlawful.

Attempt, etc., to
influence court, etc.

SEC. 6. A typewritten or printed list alphabetically arranged of all persons engaged under the authority of any of the courts of criminal jurisdiction in the District of Columbia in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each police precinct, jail, prisoner's dock, house of detention, and every other place in the District of Columbia in which persons in custody of the law are

Posting names of
bondsmen.

List of, to be furnished on request.

Duty of informing bondsmen.

Record to be kept.

Entry of bondsman, unless called into place where person is in custody, forbidden.

Evidence required; to be recorded, etc.

Qualifications, etc., for bondsmen. Rules to be prescribed.

Registers to be kept.

Renewals.

detained, and one or more copies thereof kept on hand; and when any person who is detained in custody in any such place of detention shall request any person in charge thereof to furnish him the name of a bondsman, or to put him in communication with a bondsman, said list shall be furnished to the person so requesting, and it shall be the duty of the person in charge of said place of detention within a reasonable time to put the person so detained in communication with the bondsman so selected, and the person in charge of said place of detention shall contemporaneously with said transaction make in the blotter or book of record kept in any such place of detention, a record showing the name of the person requesting the bondsman, the offense with which the said person is charged, the time at which the request was made, the bondsman requested, and the person by whom the said bondsman was called, and preserve the same as a permanent record in the book or blotter in which entered.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful for any bondsman, agent, clerk, or representative of any bondsman to enter a police precinct, jail, prisoner's dock, house of detention, or other place where persons in the custody of the law are detained in the District of Columbia for the purpose of obtaining employment as a bondsman, without having been previously called by a person so detained, or by some relative or other authorized person acting for or on behalf of the person so detained, and whenever any person engaged in the bonding business as principal, or as clerk, agent, or representative of another, shall enter a police precinct, jail, prisoner's dock, house of detention, or other place where persons in the custody of the law are detained in the District of Columbia, he shall forthwith give to the person in charge thereof his mission there, the name of the person calling him, and requesting him to come to such place, and the same shall be recorded by the person in charge of the said place of detention and preserved as a public record, and the failure to give such information, or the failure of the person in charge of said place of detention to make and preserve such a record, shall constitute a violation of this Act.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the police court, juvenile court, and the criminal divisions of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, each, to provide, under reasonable rules and regulations, the qualifications of persons and corporations applying for authority to engage in the bonding business in criminal cases in the District of Columbia, and the terms and conditions upon which such business shall be carried on, and no person or corporation shall, either as principal, or as agent, clerk, or representative of another, engage in the bonding business in any such court until he shall by order of the court be authorized to do so. Such courts, in making such rules and regulations, and in granting authority to persons to engage in the bonding business, shall take into consideration both the financial responsibility and the moral qualities of the person so applying, and no person shall be permitted to engage, either as principal or agent, in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases, who has ever been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude, or who is not known to be a person of good moral character. It shall be the duty of each of said courts to require every person qualifying to engage in the bonding business as principal to file with said court a list showing the name, age, and residence of each person employed by said bondsman as agent, clerk, or representative in the bonding business, and require an affidavit from each of said persons stating that said person will abide by the terms and provisions of this Act. Each of said courts shall require the authority of each of said persons to be renewed from time to time

at such periods as the court may by rule provide, and before said authority shall be renewed the court shall require from each of said persons an affidavit that since his previous qualification to engage in the bonding business he has abided by the provisions of this Act, and any person swearing falsely in any of said affidavits shall be guilty of perjury.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful for any police officer or other public official, in advance of any raid by police or other peace officers or public officials or the execution of any search warrant or warrant of arrest, to give or furnish, either directly or indirectly, any information concerning such proposed raid or arrest to any person engaged in any manner in the bonding business, or to any attorney at law: *Provided, however,* That it shall not be unlawful for any police or other peace officer, in conducting any raid or in executing any search warrant or warrant of arrest, to communicate to any attorney at law or person engaged in the bonding business, any fact necessary to enable such officer to obtain from such attorney at law or person engaged in the bonding business information necessary to enable such officer to carry out said raid or execute such process.

SEC. 10. The judges of the police court of the District of Columbia shall have the authority to appoint some official of the Metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia to act as a clerk of the police court with authority to take bail or collateral from persons charged with offenses triable in the police court in criminal cases in the District of Columbia at all times when the police court is not open and its clerks accessible. The official so appointed shall have the same authority at said times with reference to taking bonds or collateral as the clerk of the police court now has; shall receive no compensation for said services other than his regular salary; shall be subject to the orders and rules of the police court in discharge of his said duties, and may be removed as such clerk at any time by the judges of the police court. The Supreme Court and the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia each shall have power by order to authorize the official, appointed by the police court, to take bond of persons arrested upon writs and processes from those courts in criminal cases between four o'clock postmeridian and nine o'clock antemeridian and upon Sundays and holidays, and each of such courts shall have power at any time by order to revoke such authority granted by it.

SEC. 11. Any person violating any provision of this Act other than in the commission of perjury shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment of not less than ten or more than sixty days in jail, or both, where no other penalty is provided by this Act; and if the person so convicted be a police officer or other public official, he shall upon recommendation of the trial judge also be forthwith dismissed from office; if a bondsman, or the agent, clerk, or representative of a bondsman, he shall be disqualified from thereafter engaging in any manner in the bonding business for such a period of time as the trial judge shall order; and, if an attorney at law, shall be subject to suspension or disbarment as attorney at law.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the police court, juvenile court, and of the criminal divisions of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to see that this Act is enforced, and upon the impaneling of each grand jury in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia it shall be the duty of the judge impaneling said jury to give it in charge to the jury to investigate the manner in which this Act is enforced and all violations thereof.

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Giving advance information of any raid to bondsman, unlawful.

Provido.
Assistance permitted.

Designated clerk to take bail, etc., when court is not open.

Appointment from police force.

Authority, pay, duties, etc., of clerk.

Revocation.

Punishment for violations.

Enforcement.